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Punching Machine**  
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING AN RCE

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 25, 2009, Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, and the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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